

Spirituality Rightly Understood!

Colossians Sermon Series - Part 3

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Introduction:

“Spirituality wrongly understood or pursued is a major source of human misery and rebellion against God”

(Dallas Willard)

“Spirituality rightly understood is _____!”

Q: What are the marks of a healthy Church?

My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and unity (knit together) in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ.” (Colossians 2:2)

1. The Hearts of people are _____!

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” Proverbs 4:23

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” I Thessalonians 5:11

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:24-25

“Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier” (Mother Theresa)

2. They are _____ in love

“We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ

Jesus and of the love you have for all God’s people”

Colossians 1:3-4

“then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves” Philippians 2:2-3

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.” Colossians 3:12-14

3. They have full confidence and knowledge in the _____ and _____ of God

“...and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God’s mystery, that is Christ Himself, in whom are hidden all the treasure of wisdom and knowledge.” Colossians 2:2-3

“We weren’t meant to be somebody, we were meant to know somebody” (John Piper)

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” I Corinthians 1:18

“Let the word of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another” Colossians 3:16

“So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.” Colossians 2:6-7